A few Lines in true love to such that frequent the Meetings of the People called Quakers, *and love to hear the sound of Truth, but are not yet come to obey the Testimony of it, that they may also hear and learn to Read at Home.*

With a Second Addition as a Confirmation of what the Lord requires at your Hands.

FRiends, hearing several Testimonies and Exhortations daily sounded in our Ears, concerning our Accustoming, Habiting or Adorning our selves as becomes the Truth that we make profession of, there is a little in my Heart in the love of God to you that frequent the meetings of Friends, and daily hear the sound and tendency of Truth, as it is by one and another of the Servants of the Lord spoken amongst us, for this very end, that all may give diligent heed to the faithful and true witness of God in them, that by the Word and Power of God in them, the Word Preached may be so effectually received, and mix'd with Faith in the appearance of the Son of Gods love, that thereby it may take place in your Hearts, so as to separate your Minds and Desires from those things that the Truth is calling from, and also give you a sense of what the Truth is calling to, or otherwise all your outward hearing, although it be the Servants of the Lord who do speak in the power and demonstration of the Spirit of God, will not do that work for you that God hath done for many of his Children and People, except you will give diligent heed to his faithful and true Witness in you, which is always near to instruct you; and if you will retire, and listen to hear when you are in Meetings, you will find what of the Testimony doth belong to your inward State, and whether or no you are of that number that doth adorn your selves in those things which the Testimony doth condemn, or whether you are justifiable in the sight of the Great God. Friends, suffer me to tell you, there are some that frequently

come amongſt the People of the Lord, that have not yet given diligent heed to the witneſs of God in them, nor to the many Teſtimonies of the Servants of the Lord that comes amongſt them, but do ſit careleſly as if they had no other concern but to Hear from one day to another, and do not conſider the good end of the Lord, and his Faithful Meſſengers to them, which is that all ſhould hearken, and ſo Hear and Obey, that thereby their Souls may live to God in that Life that doth adorn the Teſtimony of Truth, which they ſo often come to Hear: And it is as a Lovely Song to many that are not yet come to ſing the Song of the Redeemed from the Corruptible things, but do ſeem to content themſelves with hearing that there is Bread enough in our Fathers Houſe, but do not Partake and Eat ſo worthily, as that their Souls may live more and more to God, and leſs to the out-goings of that Mind which we ſee is gone into many vain and ungodlike things: And may it not be ſaid to ſuch, why do you love to Hear? Do you not deſire to be of that number that quakes and trembles at the Word of the Lord? If any ſhould ſay yea, then let me tell you, it was no leſs than the Word and Power of God that did firſt take place amongſt the People of the Lord, which made many to quake and tremble, when it firſt ſtruck at the lifeleſs Profeſſion that many were in, in a form of Godlineſs, without a ſenſe of that inviſible Life and Power of God that raiſes and quickens the Soul, by which it comes to be made capable of Worſhipping and Serving the True and Living God aright in the newneſs of the Spirit, and in the Truth, for which end he hath given every one a Meaſure to improve and profit withal. Therefore dear Friends, let none that are convinced of the bleſſed Truth, and comes amongſt the People of the Lord, ſet down as unconcerned, or content with Hearing or Profeſſing, without deſiring to be made Poſſeſſors of the vertue of that inviſible Life and Power of God, by which you may be made Partakers of thoſe Glorious and Heavenly things that you ſo often hear ſpoken of; which you can never do, except you Retire, Conſider and Hearken to the Voice of the Lord at Home in your ſelves, every one apart; for the Promiſes are all, yea and Amen to the Seed Chriſt, and all that Hear and Obey the Word of Life in themſelves, their Souls ſhall live.

Then in obeying the Word of God, which is the promiſed Seed that is to bruiſe the Head of the Serpent in you, you will find it will lead

you contrary to that ungodlike Life that too to many do live in, and ſome under a Profeſſion of Religion. But the pure Religion is the ſame as ever it was; and as you come to be acquainted with it, it will keep you from the Spots of this ungodly World, Vanities and Follies that are committed therein. Friends, are you not ſometimes touched with a Senſe of the goodneſs of God to you; then what doth it call for from you? doth it not call for Circumſpection in adorning and demeaning your ſelves in that Moderation that becomes your Chriſtian Profeſſion. Friends, my tender deſires are for you, and I am concerned for you, that you may ſee what it is that hath led out your Minds into many things that the Truth doth daily exhort you from; and by that means you will come clearly to ſee the one thing needful, which is to ſet at the Feet of Jeſus, where you may hear thoſe gracious Words that proceed from his Mouth, and hearken and hear what the Spirit ſaith unto the Churches in this our Day; which is calling for Purity and Holineſs, that ye may be as Gods peculiar People.

Therefore every one to an inward hearkening, to hear that Voice that calls behind you, ſaying, *This is the way walk in it*; which alſo calls us to be a People of one Heart and Mind, in thoſe things that will ſhew forth our Love to God, and his bleſſed Truth, and one to another, in which we ſhall feel the Condeſcendings of his Heavenly Power, to draw all that are truly Religious together, and will make them deſire to appear as Children of our one Heavenly Father, whoſe care is ſtill over us, and his prolonged Mercies ſtill held out amongſt us, for which I can do no leſs than bleſs the Lord in the renewed Senſe of the ſame, which I feel upon my Spirit at this time, deſiring that I with you, and you with me, may ſo in Faithfulneſs approve our Hearts to the Lord, that not one amongſt us may be found of that number that are drawing down the Judgments of God, by a careleſs and diſregardful Mind of the many Mercies that we have and do yet enjoy: But rather let our approachings be in that, in which we may ſtand in the Gap, and interceed with the Lord for this the Land of our Nativity and Country in which we dwell; for which dear Friends, let us increaſe the number of true Breathings, tender and fervent Supplications, ſuch as may find acceptance with the Great God who is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, and ought to be the only Ruler in every one of our Hearts: To whom belongs all *Hon*our, Glo-

ry, Reverence and Godly *Fear*; and to him let it be given at this time, and for ever, *Amen*.

A. F.

My Friends,

THese foregoing Lines were intended you some time since, but I was not willing hastily to publish them, till now having good Confirmation by the Testimony of the Spirit of God, that runs as in a Current or Stream of Life through many of his faithful Servants; by which you and I may understand, that this is his Will, and the present concern of many that are convinced of the blessed Truth, and comes amongst us, that they may all walk in the Truth, and according to the Righteous Testimony of it in their own *Hearts*, that still the Testimony of Truth may be preserved in the purity and sweetness of it, by all you who do profess it, and have believed in the Spiritual Appearance of Christ Jesus in your *Hearts*, who said, *I am come a Light into the World, he that believeth in me, shall not abide in Darkness, but shall have the Light of Life*. And blessed be the Lord, many can testify; he that hath promised, is faithful to perform: By which we know the true Light hath not only broken forth, but the Sun hath also risen, and in its clearness shined that Discoveres unto Man what is good, and makes known the Exceptable Will of God, which is, that Man should *do Justly, love Mercy, and walk Humbly with God*, whose all-seeing Eye beholds all things, both the Evil and the Good: And therefore you that have believed in the Light, take heed to the Light, that you may be the Children of the Light, and of that blessed Day that many through the Divine Discovery of it, hath and will find themselves concerned to do good, and communicate of those Spiritual Blessings that they do receive from the *Hand* of the Lord, who through the Riches of his Love, doth communicate to his *Children* and *People* that wait upon him, such inward Comforts that doth refresh them; by which they have been often made to say, it is the Lord that opens the Depths, and causes the Brooks to run by the way. And therefore in a living Sense thereof, let us all be of a ready Mind as dear Children, to Communicate, and also to Receive one from another, that which the Lord may see convenient by any *Hand* to distribute amongst us, that may tend to Edification, Strength or Confirmation

firmation in that measure of the same most holy *Faith* which was once delivered to the Saints, and which in some degree hath been delivered to us in this our Day, by which many can bear witness to the truth of that Saying, *As the Wind bloweth where it listeth*; even so is every one born of the Spirit, into which Spirit the *Lord* hath gathered many; notwithstanding there are many Enemies to Truth through the subtle working of the one Enemy of Mans Happiness and all Righteousness, who goes about as he always did, seeking whom he may devour; having many subtle Devices, by which he hath drawn many from that true regard to the Lord their Maker, in which their Preservation doth consist; for which indeed, Dear Friends, we have all cause to seek the Lord, not only for our selves, but also one for another, that all those whom God hath called, and given Faith to believe in the dispensation of his Grace and Power in our Hearts, may be preserved under the safe conducts of it, through this the Pilgrimage of our sojourning here towards that everlasting Rest which many *People* are desirous to enter, and of which the Lord hath given some an Earnest in this our Day, by which they are incouraged to go forward in that way which leads to Everlasting Life, which way is Christ Jesus who appears in us, to us, and amongst us, for that very End that he might restore Man and Woman into a state of Happiness and Felicity again, with God their Maker, who made Man for a purpose of his own Glory, although Man hath sought out many Inventions with pretence to glorify God: But we may see that Mans pretended ways have greatly tended to the Dishonour of the Righteous God that made him, and hath put his Spirit in him, for that very end, that Man might be taught by it, to deny Ungodliness through his Subjection to it; or otherwise, what is all Mans saying or doing, in pretence to honour God, while they do live in Unrighteousness, and do unjustly one by another? which we do too often see is insident to Man in his fallen Nature: And therefore in this consists all Man's Happiness, in Believing and Receiving him whom God hath ordained a means for their Recovery, by which they may be brought into a state of Union and Communion with him again. And therefore all you who have believed in the blessed Appearance of Christ Jesus in your Hearts, let it be your Business, and chiefest Business, to walk according to the Convictions of it, that by the measure of

the Spirit of God received, you may be able to reſiſt that Anti-chriſtian Spirit which is againſt God, and an Enemy to all Righteouſneſs; and as you come to be inward, and commune with your own Hearts and be ſtill, you will find what is moſt conſiſtent with, and agreeable to the nature of Godlineſs, and what is moſt againſt the nature of God, who is Love; and they that dwell in Love, are found in that which is good, and moſt agreeable to his Will, who is the Author of all good: And hear you will come to find the plain path way, as you come to receive the Reproofs for that which is againſt God, by which you will alſo find by good and ſound Experience, that the Reproofs of Inſtruction, is the way to Life; and this is the univerſal Love of our God to all Mankind, that thereby they may come under the peaceable government of his Son our Lord and Saviour Chriſt Jeſus; to whom in true love let me recommend you, that we may all be partakers of the bleſſed Benefits, Death and Sufferings of our Lord, who gave himſelf a Ranſom, that he might Redeem Mankind from all Iniquity and Diſobedience, by which he did violate his Law, and incur his Diſpleaſure; but through Chriſt in the Riches of his Love, he hath and doth call all Men every where to Repentance, and that they may Repent with that Repentance that can never be Repented of: And therefore all you to whom the Call of the Lord hath reached, and are in ſome meaſure made ſenſible of his good Will therein, but have not yet ſo obeyed, as to know the work of Sanctification, Salvation and Redemption, out of that ſtate of Alienation in which there is a Separation in all Mankind from God, and from the comfortable Enjoyment of his pure Divine Preſence, in which there is Life adminiſtred to the Soul. Take you ſpecial Notice of the daily Call and Invitation of the Spirit of God that is wonderfully extended to you, and doubtleſs in you, for that very Reaſon that you may all be gathered near to the Lord, to whom with many more that are ſenſible of his Love, and do daily demonſtrate the ſame by their faithful Service to and amongſt you, with whom according to that meaſure of the Grace and Spirit of God received, I do find my Spirit drawn forth with, and in the uniting property of it, thus to demonſtrate that my true Deſires with theirs, are for all *Iſrael*, that they may be Saved in the Day of the Lord which is approaching; and it is nothing leſs my Friends, than the

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Love of God that hath inlarged my Heart to you, knowing that you will find it no less than Meat and Drink, as you come to do the Will of God; whose Will is Mans Sanctification. Wherefore it behoves all Men to seek the Lord, and make their Peace with him, that therein they may be preserved, when the Lord shall suffer Trouble to come upon the Wicked and Rebellious, for resisting the Spiritual appearance of Christ Jesus in their Hearts, to whom I pray we may all be gathered, in him settled, and on him established, who is the Rock of Ages, and sure Foundation of all the Righteous Generations from *Abel* to this very day; and blessed be the Lord, there are some in our day, through a measure of true Experience, can give this Testimony that there is no other place of safety, But as our hiding place is in the Lord, in all Storms and Tempests of what kind soever; and not only so, but that we may also see the many dangers that Man is liable to, in times of Fair Weather: And therefore Dear Friends, let me tell you for your Incouragement, it is a blessed Benefit, and will be to all, as they retire in Humility, and in the Love of God dwell, which is a place of Safety, where you may daily drink of the Streams of that never-failing Fountain which can never be drawn dry, but doth and will run to refresh the Inhabitants of the Rock; that being refreshed, we may all be still enabled to walk in the way of Righteousness, which brings Peace, and gives an Assurance of the Love of God for ever, in which Love you will feel his Power to be as a strong Tower from the Assaults of the Enemy. Into which Love let every one haste to be gathered, and then it will not only Edify, but build up all the Lords People, to be as a strong House to retain his Glory in, which hath and shall shine through all Blackness and Darkness, till the Light thereof go forth as as a Lamp that Burneth, which being fed with Oyl, never goeth out; with which Oyl, I pray all our Lamps may be furnished, our Lights burning, that the Glory of our God may still be shining in and over all the Assemblies of his People hear and every where: For it is the possession of it, must weigh down all the profession in the World without it. And therefore Friends, to God who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, let me recommend you to ask in Faith of him, that you may all receive from him, that thereby we may all be filled as with the new Wine of the Kingdom, with which

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which the *Lord* is filling the new Bottles that are prepared to receive from his Bountiful *Hand*; by which he hath and will communicate from Veſſel to Veſſel, till all be filled, and every thirſty Soul repleniſhed by the virtuous incomes of it, through which they muſt acknowledge it is the *Lords* doings, and it is, and will be marvelous in the Eyes of all who are the Beholders of it with that inviſible Eye that *God* hath opened to behold his *Glory*, far ſurpaſſing all the glory of this fading World. Therefore dear Friends, be not ſatisfied with *Hearing*, but come now, and behold him who is near you, and will tell you all that ever you have done, is not this the *Chriſt* the Meſſiah, or Son of the Living *God*, or Saviour of Mankind; yes verily, this is he, believe in him, fall down and worſhip him, who will be worſhipped in Spirit and in Truth: And all other Worſhips will be as vain Oblations before him. And therefore all ſeek the *Lord*; retire to your Cloſets, and wait upon him, and in your Spirits wherever you are, gather to him who is always near you, even in you, and always preſent with you, which is a great priviledge you will find it ſo, as you come to be acquainted with him, as it is left upon Record. Acquaint thy ſelf with the Lord, and be at *Peace*; into which *Peace* I pray the Lord to gather, and preſerve all his Faithful Children together, that as ſo many ſhocks of Corn, we may all be ready to be bundled up, and gathered into the Lords *Gardner*, who hath ſaid, he will burn up the Chaff with unquenchable Fire.

Written in true Love by your *Friend* and Siſter, who deſires your *Proſperity* in the bleſſed Truth.

A. Fiſher.

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